# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

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Reference: 16OCT18-H-1

# County of San Luis Obispo

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

John Waddell, Los Osos Wastewater Project Manager

VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 10/18/2016

SUBJECT: Hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance establishing rules and regulations for use

of the sewer service area collection system in Los Osos. District 2.



It is recommended that the Board:

1. Hold a hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for Sewer Service Area in Los Osos; and

- 2. Waive the reading of the ordinance; and
- 3. Direct the County Clerk-Recorder to publish a summary of the proposed ordinance and the names of those Supervisors voting for and against the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of San Luis Obispo within 15 days of adoption of the Ordinance, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124(b).

#### DISCUSSION

The County began efforts on the Los Osos Wastewater Project in 2006, following the passage of State Assembly Bill 2701 (Blakeslee) which allowed the County to assume responsibility for development of a community wastewater system for Los Osos. Upon completion of the necessary environmental permit and funding approvals, the project began construction in May 2012. Construction was completed in multiple phases, and the \$120 million in construction contracts are largely complete. The project's collection system and water recycling facility are currently in the start-up process, as properties connect to the system and wastewater flows gradually increase. Property connections are planned to continue through March 2017.

The proposed ordinance includes provisions on the following topics:

#### Connection Requirements

Each property owner in the service area is responsible for connection of their building to the sewer laterals provided by the County. They must obtain a building permit for any connection or modification



to the collection system and follow applicable standards of the California Plumbing Code. The connections of existing buildings are being phased over twelve months and are expected to be mostly completed in March 2017.

#### Water Conservation Fixtures

All buildings connecting to the collection system must meet water efficiency standards for indoor fixtures, such as toilets, faucets and showers. The efficiency standards are required by the project's Coastal Development Permit and, also, by California Civil Code. The required fixtures are eligible for rebates, which cover the cost of the fixture and its installation, through the project's water conservation rebate program.

#### Maintenance and Repair

Sewer laterals include the plumbing on private property, from the building to the property line, plus the portion in the right of way to the sewer main, which was constructed by the County. Each sewer lateral carries flows from the property it serves from the building to the sewer main. Any repairs or improvements needed for the sewer lateral will be the responsibility of the property owner after an initial five-year period of County responsibility. Property owner responsibility for their individual sewer lateral, all the way to the sewer main, is consistent with other municipal wastewater agencies.

#### **Prohibited Discharges**

The prohibited discharges are common to other wastewater systems. They are intended to limit substances which may cause clogging and backups in the collection system or which will impact the treatment process and quality of recycled water. Ongoing public outreach and education will be needed to remind users of the impacts of certain substances on the wastewater system. In general, it is a best practice to discharge only human waste and non-toxic wash water to the wastewater system.

The rules and regulations will help facilitate the safe and effective operation of the collection and treatment facilities. They will be a tool for the Public Works Department to ensure that they can meet water quality regulations regarding spill prevention and waste discharge requirements. The Public Works Department has already begun outreach to educate businesses and residents regarding best practices for reducing discharges that can be detrimental to the collection and treatment systems.

## OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the subject ordinance and approved it as to legal form and effect. The County Clerk-Recorder published a summary of the ordinance more than 5 days prior to this hearing, in accordance with Government Code Section 25124(b).

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no financial impact as a result of this action.

# **RESULTS**

Approval of the Ordinance establishing the rules and regulations for the Los Osos sewer service area will help protect the community's infrastructure investment, which will contribute to a safe, healthy, livable, and well governed community in Los Osos.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for Sewer Service Area in Los Osos

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